

## CLAIMS

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- 1 1. In combination with a housing of a module enclosing a plurality of elongated elements;  
2 the improvement residing in: preassembled means for establishing a sealed chamber within the  
3 module housing and holding the elongated elements therein in a bundled condition; and spacer  
4 means for maintaining the bundled elements in adjustably spaced relation to each other  
5 throughout within the sealed chamber.
- 1 2. The combination as defined in claim 1, wherein a contaminate laden fluid is conducted  
2 through the housing to undergo cleansing; and drain means on the housing for discharging a  
3 cleansed portion of the contaminate laden fluid from the sealed chamber in response to processing  
4 by the elongated elements.
- 1 3. The combination as defined in claim 2, wherein said preassembled means includes: a pair  
2 of axially spaced seal rings in radially outer sealing contact with the module housing; and holding  
3 means retained within said seal rings for anchoring therein opposite end portions of the  
4 processing elements in the bundled condition.
- 1 4. The combination as defined in claim 3, wherein said preassembled means is assembled  
2 with the processing elements adjustably positioned therein before bundling within bodies of  
3 epoxy resin subsequently cured under clamping pressure to form said holding means retained  
4 within the seal rings before assembly within the module housing.

1 5. The combination as defined in claim 4, wherein said contaminate laden fluid is oily  
2 bilgewater and the processing elements are filter membranes.

1 6. The combination as defined in claim 1, wherein said preassembled means is assembled  
2 with the elongated elements adjustably positioned therein before bundling within bodies of epoxy  
3 resin subsequently cured under clamping pressure to form said holding means before assembly  
4 within the module housing.

1 7. The combination as defined in claim 2, wherein said contaminate laden fluid is oily  
2 bilgewater and the elongated elements are filter membranes.

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